

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1) A hanger comprising:
 - 2 a hanging element;
 - 3 a shaft having a top end and a bottom end, the hanging element disposed on the
 - 4 top end of the shaft;
 - 5 a support element disposed on the bottom end of the shaft and extending
 - 6 outwardly therefrom to provide a support base;
 - 7 wherein an article may be rolled around the shaft to form a cylinder, whereby the base
 - 8 supports the article in a vertical position.

- 1 2) The hanger as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is ring shaped.

- 1 3) The hanger as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is a solid disk.

- 1 4) The hanger as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is pivotally
2 connected to the shaft and the support element pivoting between a first position approximately
3 parallel to the shaft and a second position approximately perpendicular to the shaft.

- 1 5) The hanger as defined in claim 4, wherein the pivotally connected support
2 element comprises a notch dimensioned to receive the shaft.

- 1 6) The hanger as defined in claim 1, further comprising a header element, wherein
2 the header element is disposed on the shaft between the hanging element and the article.

1 7) The hanger as defined in claim 6, wherein the header element is trapezoidal in
2 cross section.

1 8) The hanger as defined in claim 6, wherein the header element is rectangular in
2 cross section.

1 9) The hanger as defined in claim 1, further comprising a strap encircling the
2 article.